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For President,  
**GROVER CLEVELAND.**  
For Vice President,  
**GENERAL A. E. STEVENSON.**

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A. J. McALLISTER, L. D. CARR, L. D. LEWELLING,  
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## KANSAS STATE TICKET.

For Governor,  
**L. D. LEWELLING.**

For Lieutenant Governor,  
**PERCY DANIELS.**

For Secretary of State,  
**H. S. OSBORN.**

For Attorney General,  
**JOHN T. LITTLE.**

For State Auditor,  
**VAN B. PRATHER.**

For State Treasurer,  
**W. H. BIDDLE.**

For State Superintendent,  
**H. S. GAINES.**

For Associate Justice,  
**S. H. ALLEN.**

For Congressman at Large,  
**W. A. HARRIS.**

## CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

GREAT BEND, Kan., July 7, 1892.—A delegate convention of the democrats of the seventh congressional district of the state of Kansas, is hereby called to meet at Dodge City, on Tuesday, August 16, at 3 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress for said district. The basis of representation will be one delegate at large from each county in the district and one delegate additional for every 300 votes or major fraction of 150 votes cast for John Sheridan a democratic presidential elector in 1888. The several counties will be entitled to the following delegates under this call.

Barber.....	3	Lane.....	2
Barton.....	5	McPherson.....	4
Clarke.....	2	Meade.....	3
Comanche.....	2	Morton.....	3
Edwards.....	3	Now.....	3
Finney.....	3	Pawnee.....	3
Ford.....	3	Pratt.....	3
Grant.....	3	Reynolds.....	3
Gray.....	3	Rice.....	3
Greeley.....	3	Rush.....	3
Hamilton.....	3	Sedgewick.....	3
Harper.....	3	Seward.....	3
Harvey.....	3	Shawnee.....	3
Haskell.....	3	Stevens.....	3
Hodgeman.....	3	Sumner.....	3
Kearney.....	3	Stanton.....	3
Kingman.....	3	Wichita.....	3
Kiowa.....	3	Total.....	114

It is recommended that the delegates from the several counties be selected on or before Wednesday, August 10, 1892, and the secretaries of the several county conventions or mass meetings send the credentials of the delegates to the secretary of the congressional committee, Will E. Stokes, Great Bend, Kans., without delay.

By order of the congressional committee,  
**JOHN S. RICHARDSON, Chairman.**  
**WILL E. STOKES, Secretary.**

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

GREAT BEND, Kas., July 23, 1892. By order of the Democratic County Central Committee, a delegate convention of the democrats of Barton county is hereby called to meet in the court house, Great Bend, Kansas, at 11 o'clock a. m., on

Monday, August 8, 1892, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Representative, County Attorney, Clerk of District Court, Probate Judge and County Superintendent, and for the further purpose of selecting five delegates to the Congressional Convention to be held at Dodge City, August 16th.

Each township and ward will be entitled to the following number of delegates and an equal number of alternates, viz:

TOWNSHIP	DELS.	TOWNSHIP	DELS.
Albion.....	3	Logan.....	3
Beaver.....	3	Liberty.....	3
Buffalo.....	3	Pawnee.....	3
Claremont.....	3	South Bend.....	3
Cleveland.....	3	Union.....	3
Comanche.....	3	Wagon Wheel.....	3
Cheyenne.....	3	Wheatland.....	3
Crawford.....	3	Wichita.....	3
Eureka.....	3	Wichita.....	3
Fairview.....	3	Wichita.....	3
Grant.....	3	Wichita.....	3
Great Bend.....	3	Wichita.....	3
Honolulu.....	3	Wichita.....	3
Independent.....	3	Wichita.....	3
Lakin.....	3	Wichita.....	3

It is recommended that each township and ward select their delegates at such time as may suit their convenience, and that the delegates for the third congressional district meet immediately after the adjournment of the county convention and nominate a candidate for County Commissioner in that district.

**PHIL MUTHAMER, Chairman.**  
**WILL E. STOKES, Secretary.**

THE voice of the people will be heard this year; and democracy does not fear the voice of the people. Democracy means the supremacy of the people; and when labor is awake to its interests, when the farmer and the mechanic, the railroad laborer and the shop-man, take sufficient interest in politics to vote for the furtherance of his own interests, then will the teachings of the great democratic party begin to show results; then will plutocracy retire before an outraged nation and cease to reign in arrogance.

ILLINOIS is now assured to Cleveland and Stevenson. Not a single German-American remains upon the republican ticket of the state. Up to the 15th inst. it contained the name of Gen'l. W. C. Kueffner of Belleville Ill., heading the electoral ticket, but he has sent in his declaration to the republican state committee and gives his reasons for so doing, that the republican party can no longer be trusted on the most important school questions. Gen'l Kueffner is one of the most honored of the brilliant soldiers of Illinois and his action speaks plainly the course which will be pursued by the German voters of that state. Illinois is no longer in the republican column and will go on to victory with Cleveland and Stevenson. —Lyons De mocrat.

Robert G. Ingersoll: "The laugh of a child will make the holiest day more sacred still. Strike with hand of fire, O, weird musician, thy harp string with Apollon's golden hair; fill the vast cathedral aisles with symphonies sweet and dim, deft touching of the organ keys; blow, bugler blow, until thy silver notes do touch and kiss the moonlit waves and charm the lovers' wanderings mid the vine-clad hills. But know your sweetest strains are discords all compared with childhood's happy laugh—the laugh that fills the eyes with light and every heart with joy. O, rippling river of laughter, thou art the blessed boundary line between beasts and men; and every wayward wave of thine doth down some faithful friend of care. O laughter, rose-lipped daughter of joy, there are dimples enough in thy cheeks to catch and hold and glorify all the tears of grief."

Is THERE a true democrat in this country who delights to be pointed out by the old grannies of the republican party as a man who "will vote the republican ticket" and "will not have the peoples party poked down his throat"? Such a remark was made on the streets of Great Bend last Wednesday by a man whom we once heard say he "would vote for a black dog on the republican ticket before he would vote for a democrat." Is there a democrat who cannot see that, by voting with the farmers of Kansas he is dealing the "black dog" element of the republican party a death blow? and that the only sentiment that actuates that element in the republican party is one of fear for the future of his party, and not of love for "straight democrats"? Remember all the mean things said of democrats by the fire alarm republicans, and then make up your mind that you now have a grand opportunity to play even by assisting to lay them out. A water elm club is within your reach; grab it, and use it.

ON MONDAY next the democrats of Barton county will meet in convention at Great Bend, to nominate a county ticket and select delegates to the 7th district congressional convention. The season has been a very busy one, and farmers have had but very little time to think or talk politics, but Barton county democrats seldom make the mistake of nominating weak or incompetent men, and we believe they will be the winner on election day.

The peoples party convention for the county will be held on Saturday the 18th. It is called to place a full ticket in the field. In view of the fact that the democrats of Kansas have seen fit to assist the peoples party in electing their state nominees; and considering the further fact that Jerry Simpson will likely get the endorsement of democrats for congress in this district, the peoples party convention of the 18th ought to do nothing to injure the ticket to be nominated on the 8th.

Not only are the state officers and the congressman at stake, but a state senator, and a representative from this county are to be elected; and it is to the interests of every farmer and laboring man to have such men sent to the legislature as will not vote for the election of a United States senator who is in favor of McKinleyism, force bill and all that.

Are the party prejudices of the peoples party men so strong that they cannot use a little foresight, and in local affairs do that which will assure success? Or will they prefer certain defeat in some directions and possible defeat in others by antagonizing men who are disposed to work with them for the same end in view?

We hope the levelheaded elements of that party will give this matter due consideration. Look at all sides of the question and work for success. Think of the future as well as the present.

## NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS.

### PAWNEE ROCK.

From the Leader.  
Eli Bowman, wife and children, started overland on Tuesday for Kingman and Barber counties.

The boys are plowing and burning fire guards around their wheat and taking every precaution to guard against a fire.

Lots of new wheat coming into market. Haven't heard of any testing below 60 or yielding less than 20 bushels per acre.

The sweet girl from the country was all smiles and undoubtedly the happiest mortal out of jail in Great Bend on Monday. How lavish she was of her smiles as she rested in the arms of that dear little neighbor boy—yes, right on the street, too.

Charlie Gano will most likely take the cake on wheat raising in this corner this year. He marketed wheat this week off of 150 acres of sod. The average test was 63 1/2 pounds and the yield 20 bushels to the acre. For sod wheat the above will be hard to down.

### CLAFIN.

From the Banner.  
Kansas corn is getting there with both feet, and with one more good rain the crop will be out of danger.

The first of this week, Mr. Keller threshed out forty-five acres of wheat on the Norris farm just north of town that made an average of 33 1/2 bushels to the acre.

The mason work on the new bank building is about finished, and the carpenter and plasterer are now at work. When completed it will be the handsomest building in town.

Charles Rowan, the young man who was stabbed a couple of weeks since, is again able to be out on the streets, and is recovering faster than was at first thought possible.

Political discussions are now taking place on every street corner, and to listen to some of them for a short time, one would almost declare that Clafin was a city of natural born orators.

### ALBERT.

From "Spunk."  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Teten, on Wednesday of last week, a seven pound girl.

G. E. Rubican, a brother of Rev. Rubican, is visiting the latter named at this place.

R. B. Warren, of Great Bend, was doing business in our city on Wednesday of last week.

R. Campbell, of Rush county, has moved into our village and taken charge of the butcher shop.

Miss Alice Button, of Clarence, has secured our schools which will commence on the 5th of September.

Mesdames W. D. Beattie and A. G. Campbell were the guests of Mrs. John Chapman, of Clarence, on Wednesday of last week.

John Campbell has gone out of the butcher business and will try farming in Rush county. Wonder if he will try batching along with it?

### ELLINWOOD.

From the Advocate.  
It was better than a gymnastic performance in a circus to see some of the boys trying to ride bicycles this week.

Capt. Grant, the miller, shipped the first car load of new wheat from this city, last week. It is of an excellent quality and grades one grade higher than the wheat did last year and the year before.

The board of Lakin township met last Tuesday to transact the necessary business of the township. Bills to the amount of about \$500 were allowed which still leaves a balance of a little over \$400 in the treasury. A tax levy of four mills on the dollar was issued for general township purposes.

More than half a dozen second hand threshing outfits that were formerly operated in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and the eastern part of this state have been shipped to Barton county. In this case straw shows which way the threshing machines go.

DIED.—On Thursday morning, July 21st, 1892, of whooping cough, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Meyer, about four months old. The remains were laid to rest on Friday afternoon in the Ellinwood cemetery. The griefed parents have the sympathy of a large concourse of friends in their bereavement.

Not less than eight thousand people attended the Sells Brothers' circus in Great Bend Monday. The circus took not less than \$5,000 out of the county. On any other year than this one this would be felt by the merchants but on this year it makes but little odds, still \$5,000 would pay off several mortgages. Great Bend city of course reaps the only reward as it was necessary that

the show left and caused to be left a great deal of money in that town. The circus was very good and came as near filling the bill as circuses generally do. Were informed by reliable authority that they had the largest crowd in the Bend that they had had since they left San Francisco.

### HOISINGTON.

From the Dispatch.  
Wheat all over the county will grade No. 2 this year. The quality as well as the yield is good.

F. H. Shelton threshed out 50 acres of wheat on his Fairview township farm last week that yielded 31 bushels per acre.

A fine 11 pound boy at the home of Newt Hall and wife in Grant township on Tuesday July 26th.

L. W. Brunson, of Fairview township, threshed out 25 acres of wheat last week that yielded one thousand bushels, being 40 bushels per acre.

The corn crop is booming these days and bids fair to make an immense yield. Sod corn is safe and that which has a good stand will make a heavy yield.

We are requested to announce that the stockholders of the farmers' scales in Hoisington are requested to meet in town on Saturday, August 6, at 1 o'clock. All interested are urged to attend.

Daniel Pfister threshed out 24 acres of wheat last week that yielded 53 1/2 bushels, being a little over 22 bushels per acre. It graded No. 2, weighed 60 pounds to the bushel and sold for 55 cents per bushel.

Chas. Pickney deserves the belt for cutting the most wheat in a given time of any person in the county during the past harvest. On Friday and Saturday forenoon of last week he cut for Geo. N. Bicknell 52 acres of wheat, making an average of over 34 acres a day. The work was done with a ten foot Cummings header purchased of Cooke & Wildgen.

### From the Blade.

Mrs. George A. Orr is visiting friends in Cambridge City, Ind., and will be gone about three weeks.

Mr. Feaster says there is some wheat in this part of the county that will average 40 bushel to the acre.

The 6-year-old daughter of George Bicknell, in Albion township, is reported quite low with typhoid fever.

John Snell was found dead at his home in Fairview township Tuesday morning. He was about 70 years old and had been quite feeble for some time, although not bedfast until about three weeks ago, since which time he has been quite poorly. He resided on a farm alone, but of late was frequently visited by his neighbors. A neighbor boy went to see him Monday evening and cared for the old gentleman and left him feeling much better, but on the following morning upon going to the house found him dead. He was buried yesterday in the cemetery near Galatia.

He has no relatives in this country that are known of, but has a son and other relatives in Ohio.

Is it any wonder that the "country is on the verge of moral, political and financial ruin"? While anarchy is popular we cannot deny the Omaha declaration. And the delegates to the Omaha convention are the leaders in a conspiracy to destroy the Union. Republicans who are following such leadership will do well to reflect. They have not been educated in that way. They know better if they will consider.—Register.

PEOPLES party men will be tickled half to death to learn that they are "in a conspiracy to destroy the Union." Such old "conspirators" as L. M. Fitts, J. B. Fennor, M. N. Towers, James Ivins, Jim Purviance, Henry Fruit, John Armstrong, M. W. Coban, Geo. Moses, Will Culver, A. Y. McCormick, and hundreds of others who used to be in the republican band wagon, will be pleased to know that Morg. has at last tumbled onto what they are up to. By-the-way, we had not learned, before Morg. told us, that "anarchy is popular." If anarchy is popular, it is unfortunate for the republican party that its administration has made it possible for anarchy to be popular. Bah! Caraway knows that he never wrote a more contemptible, groundless, senseless paragraph than the one quoted above; and the time is not far distant when he will wish he had cut off his right hand rather than have written such falsehoods. A fine way of "standing up for Kansas," when you charge some of the most sensible, honorable and upright christian gentlemen of Barton county with being traitors, anarchists, conspirators, etc.

ALL YOU sanguine republicans who are confident that Harrison will be elected president another time, and who want a good, live, newsy county paper, with the privilege of paying for it when Grover Cleveland is elected president, cut out one of those blank propositions to be found on the first page of the DEMOCRAT, and sign it, and send or hand it in. You are the people we are after.

## MORG. MORTIFIED.

The Republican County Convention at Hoisington Goes Back on the Boss.

Just how all this came about can be learned by a careful perusal of the proceedings of the convention.

A temporary organization was effected before dinner, and after dinner the convention got down to business with G. W. Nimocks in the chair and M. B. Fitts and Chas. Hobart as secretaries. Nimocks made one of his old time talks, casting all the slurs he could think of upon the democrats of Barton county and pleading with republicans to stand firm 'though admitting that there was "2,500 opposition majority to overcome in this district."

The various committees having reported, the resolutions committee simply "resolving that we stand up for Kansas," the convention was ready for business.

Morg. now stepped to the front with all his usual bombast and inserted his foot into the proceedings. He had, for some time back, been thinking he would run for state senator himself, but doubtless having figured out that there was not the ghost of a show for his party to elect a senator in this district this fall, he was not willing to be made a blooming sacrifice, so he had hunted up a man of his own choice to boom for the position. Appearing before the convention he stated that "there was but one Barton county candidate for the position, Bob Bailey, and moved that Bob be allowed to choose his own delegates." He then read a list of thirteen names (unlucky number, that 13) which he moved that the convention "endorse" as the delegates from Barton county. The motion was seconded and opened for discussion.

Jim Clayton was the first to raise a voice of protest against the plans of the boss. He "objected to doing things that way—many republicans had said they would not do that again—had seen too much bad results from former acts of the same kind," etc. He moved as a substitute, that the convention proceed to elect 13 delegates by ballot.

Mr. Ross thought that Morg's motion was all right; Mr. Hitchcock thought that if Mr. Bailey was the unanimous choice of the convention no mistake would be made in allowing him to select his delegates, but that it might be best to do some other way.

Mr. Clayton said that "there were 2,500 of a majority to overcome in this district by the republicans," and in order that republicans might be united "the convention should select the delegates."

Mr. Sowards sided with Clayton; said that "the time for letting any one man pick delegates for a convention was past; that had put the republicans in the soup oftener than any one thing."

Morg. here entered his kick again, and insisted he should have his own sweet way; said he "had experience in district conventions," and referred to "4 years ago." This made some of the boys, who remembered their "experience" at Sterling, smile audibly.

A. J. Buckland now came to the aid of the anti-Caraway boys, and put in some good hard licks. He said: "We will have to meet a fusion of the opposition in this district, and we want to give every delegate here a chance to say what he wants. Had delegates selected that way before and they were no good to the party success."

Mr. Sowards—"If our party can't find men whom we can trust, better sell out right now and quit business. I am tired of this party bossism."

Mr. Bailey here interposed by way of pouring oil upon the troubled waters; he said he had spent neither time nor money to get delegates; was not a politician and was not putting up any jobs. If he got the nomination he would make a fight to win.

During this discussion Morg. flinched about in his seat, turned red and white and green by turns, but finally tumbled to the fact that the reins were slipping from his well greased palms, and withdrew his motion. Clayton's motion was put and carried, and a ballot being taken, the following delegates were selected: Levi Gunn, M. B. Fitts, J. W. Brown, W. J. McGreevey, James Clayton, Amos Johnson, Frank Millard, G. W. Nimocks, N. E. Norris and R. Wehr.

The call gave the convention 134 delegates. 111 votes were cast, and by our count there were 58 delegates present. Several townships were not represented and others were represented by only one man. Over 30 of the 38 delegates from Great Bend were present.

### Hicks on August.

Prof. Hicks promises us reasonably good summer weather for August, with plenty of rain at the close of the month. Here are his predictions:

"August will open with atmosphere somewhat cooler by rains as we enter the period 4th to 8th. Central storm days on 5th, 6th and 8th. Some rain with heavy wind probable at these dates, after which they excessive heat ought to abate for two or three days. About

11th, warm and stormy. The 16th, 17th and 18th will show another oppressively warm wave, which, unless it breaks in to violent storms, will continue and reach a climax of summer heat and drought about the 22nd and 23rd. At these dates storms will appear. More rain than before in August is promised from the 27th to the last."

"Watchword" and Lute.  
The Streator, Ills., Daily Times of July 27th, contains the account of an accident to A. S. Houck's famous trotter, "Watchword," and his driver, Lute Aber. After giving the positions in the race, a 2:24 trot, where "Watchword" was the favorite at the start, the Times says:

It was in this race that Watchword and his driver met with an accident which nearly cost them their lives. Watchword is a faithful stallion owned by A. S. Houck, of Great Bend, Kansas. He is a speedy animal, but for the bad luck he played under yesterday, he would no doubt be the greatest of the winning horse. In the first heat he started off with L. P. Aber as driver, who was confident of capturing first money. All went well until they reached the quarter pole in the first half, when the check rein became loosened, and shortly after he threw a shoe, and later a weight. Not daunted by this misfortune the plucky driver urged him to the front, and as they passed the stand he was a close second on. He went around the track, and as he was nearing the wire with his head at the wheels of the first sulky, through the efforts of Aber to keep his head up, he stumbled and fell in a heap. The driver went head long over the horse for some distance, and was at first thought by many that he had broken his neck. The horse passed him in safety, and he picked himself up, and looked for his horse, who had also risen from the dust, and on the other hand looking for a driver. They were taken from the track and their wounds attended. When the bell rang for the second heat, to the surprise of everyone, the horse and driver appeared on the track. The horse threw a shoe and weight, as did he in each succeeding heat. At the end of the race he finished third. The track was good, and all who attended were more than pleased with the day's sport, and it is safe to predict a successful meeting.

Mr. Cleveland's Spirit.  
The spirit in which Mr. Cleveland has met democrats of all shades of opinion during his visit to the city is an augury of success.

To the democrats of Harlem Mr. Cleveland said: "I have forgotten that there was any difference of opinion"—referring to the contest before and during the nominating convention. And he assured the members of the Sagamore Club that he "felt very much at home," because he was "a democrat among democrats and believed in democratic organization."

One who had strongly opposed his nomination the ex-president, gave a good-natured welcome, saying that too much monotony and unanimity before nominations was not democratic.

One has but to contrast this large-minded and hearty manner of Mr. Cleveland with the resentful and refrigerating mood of the occupant of the white house to note the difference between a big man and a little one—between good politics and poor politics.

Mr. Cleveland's spirit is infusing the whole party. All democrats are forgetting that there were any differences.—New York World.

"Bridge the bloody chasm!" the action of the demo-pops in this state will open the eyes of the former republican and by November next he will be found in the ranks where he by right ought to be working for God, humanity, his state and the republican ticket.

The above is a sample of the republican argument(?) made in the Hoisington Dispatch by the young man who writes the county seat correspondence for that paper. With a year or two of valuable experience he will have learned that the "former republicans who are in the alliance" have had just cause for being where they are, and that they will be "working for God, humanity, and their state," all right, but not for the fossilized old fraud called the republican party. Seeking to make the former republicans in the alliance mad by calling their attention to the fact that Kansas democrats will help them to redeem this state from republican rule is one of the silliest breaks made by the g. o. p. If a gang of tramps and dead beats overrun a town all good citizens will willingly unite to rid the neighborhood of the pest. The state house ring at Topeka, assisted by their understrappers all over the state, have so long sucked the substance of the people through political legislation and overbearing arrogance that all good citizens will willingly unite to drive them out of power, and no wave of the bloody shirt will have any effect upon men who have their eyes open to existing abuses. The time for that kind of politics has passed away.

The republican "rot" about democrats "knocking Cleveland out," and "not being able to vote for Cleveland," etc., etc., may have the desired effect upon a lukewarm democrat here and there, but a man who really wants to see Cleveland elected will not be fooled.—Ellsworth Messenger.